

# Wanderers too slick for Finchley in third trial

Wycombe Wanderers 3, Finchley 1

**THE** Wanderers gained a well-deserved win against Finchley after some good second-half football in their third pre-season trial match at Loakes Park on Saturday.

In a sometimes scrappy, sometimes exciting game, Wycombe finished strongly to flummox Finchley with a display that belied the advancing years of some of the players and reassured supporters about prospects for the new season.

They suffered a set-back in the 15th minute when referee Mr. A. J. Dalrymple awarded the visitors a penalty after a handball from left-half Charlie Gale. Finchley's left-winger, Pat Duggan, had Maskell going the wrong way as he opened the scoring on their behalf.

The goal stirred a flurry of activity by Wycombe and Beck and Horseman went close to scoring.

Although the Wycombe attack

began to get on top at this stage it took a penalty by Horseman in the 40th minute to put the teams on level pegging.

## NO CHANGES

Manager Barry Darvill made no changes in the home team for the second half—even though 16 names were listed as players on the programme—and it proved a wise decision.

Apart from one or two abortive attacks spearheaded by centre-forward Roy Harris, and right-winger Chris Bristow, Finchley never had

a look-see after the interval. The shovel hands of John Maskell and the tenacity of half-backs Barry Baker, Vic Faulkner and Charlie Gale saw to that!

Meanwhile the Wycombe forwards were pressing home with the advantage of both experience and pace.

A third penalty only two minutes after the re-start gave Horseman his second goal of the match. Then Wycombe went on to prove that they could win the game without the aid of spot-kicks with a flying header from inside-right Roystone, off a well placed cross by Len Worley.

Wycombe Wanderers—J. Maskell; I. Rundle, J. Beck; B. Baker, V. Faulkner, C. Gale; L. Worley, P. Roystone, K. Samuels, A. Horseman, L. Merrick.